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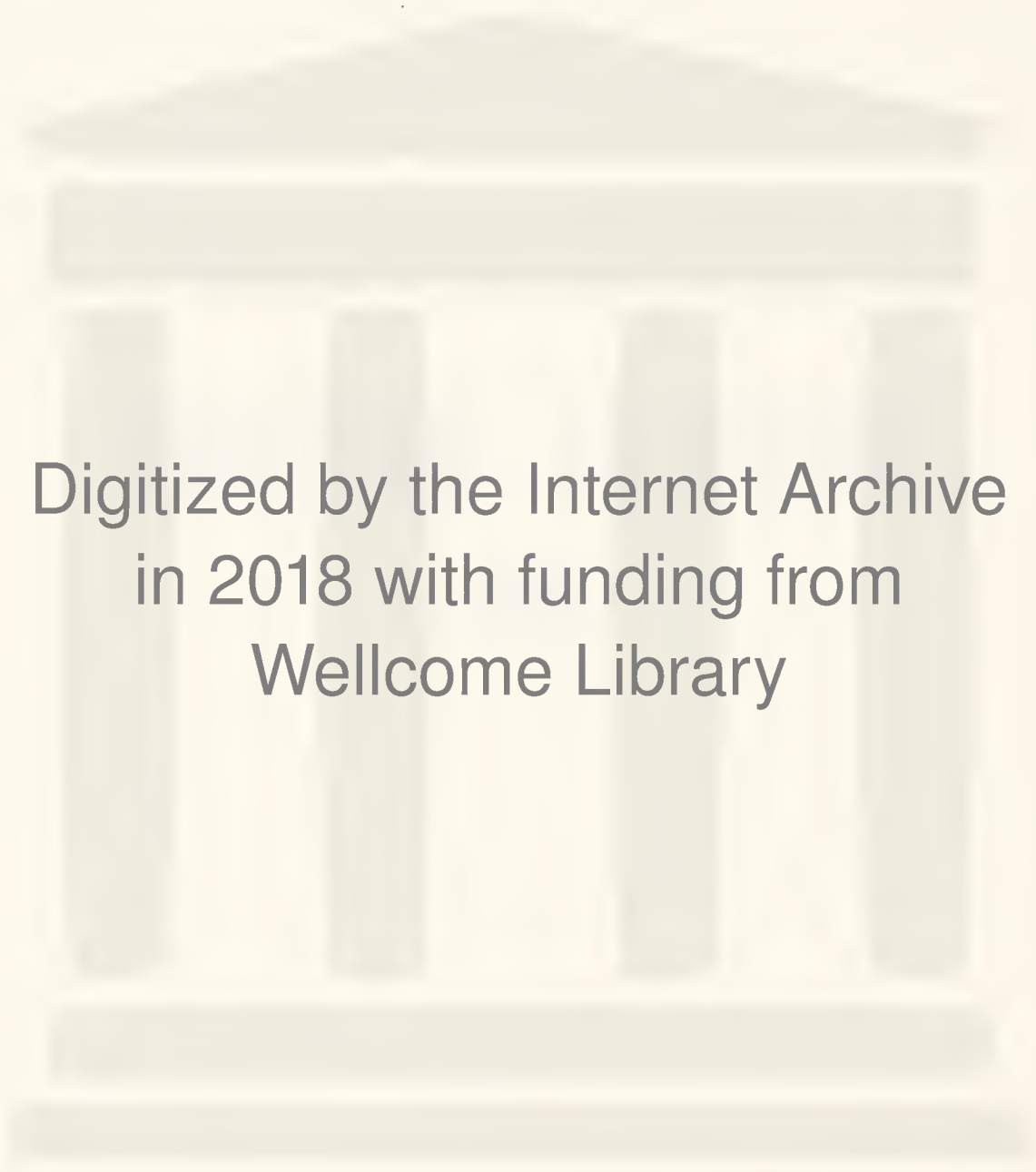
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TADCASTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH 1972

To the Chairman and Councillors,

The introduction to this Report is written with a certain nostalgia and sadness with the knowledge that the reorganisation of Local Government and the reorganisation of the National Health Service in April, 1974, brings our present association with the District Councils to an end. Nevertheless, the presentation is that of previous years and the main points of interest to date are drawn to your attention.

The Nursing Services

During the last 18 months priority has been given to preparing the staff for the changes that lie ahead of them; maintaining staff morale and improving the standard of the services. Nursing Officers have had the opportunity of attending relevant Management Courses and have benefited by the experience. Particular attention has been given to developing liaison between the Health Visitors and Social Workers at field work level, and in some districts in the Division the staff now meet regularly. Similarly, the development of joint nursing activities have been encouraged, particularly where health education and the staffing of the Family Planning Clinics are concerned, where both health visitors and midwives are now involved, and group meetings of staff of all nursing services are arranged from time to time to deal with matters of mutual concern. The nursing staff are, as far as has been practicable, all attached to the practices of family doctors, and we work towards making the "Community Health Team" a meaningful working relationship.

Midwifery Service

The improved standard of service in the Garforth area, attributed to the midwives being supplied with radio-telephones, was maintained. In June, 1973 this service was extended to include two additional midwives, one working in the Tadcaster Rural District and one in the Wetherby Rural District.

Family Planning Service

In April, 1973 the County policy to provide a free family service became effective. This has resulted in some increase in demand for the service which has been contained. In May, 1973 a clinic was opened at Bishopthorpe primarily for West Riding residents who have previously used the service in York.

Conclusion

In concluding this introduction I would like to pay tribute to two senior members of staff who have worked in the Division: Miss M. P. Bramley was Divisional Nursing Officer from 1965 until July, 1972, when she moved to the North Riding as Director of Nursing Services. Miss Bramley laid the foundations of the present structure of the nursing services, as well as supporting and helping to implement new schemes with a view to upgrading the services. Mr. F. H. Attack, Divisional Administrative Officer, retired from full-time employment in June, 1973. Mr. Attack had worked at the Divisional Health Office at Wetherby since its inception in 1947. In 1964 he was appointed Divisional Administrative Officer for the combined West Riding Divisions of 9 and 16. His extensive knowledge of the Division proved invaluable during the months of preparation for the unification of the health service.

Finally, I extend my thanks to all Divisional staff and to the District Councils and their staff for their help and support during the last 18 months.

ELIZABETH M. HARGREAVES,

Medical Officer of Health.

July, 1973.

TABLE 1
PRINCIPAL VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1972

	Garforth Urban District	Rothwell Urban District	Stanley Urban District	Tadcaster Rural District	Wetherby Rural District	Divisional Totals
Population (Mid-year 1972)	26,210	28,300	21,240	35,190	31,160	142,100
Live Births:						
Total	573	367	354	499	427	2,220
Legitimate	557	350	340	472	407	2,126
Illegitimate	16	17	14	27	20	94
Stillbirths	7	8	3	13	3	34
Deaths of Infants:						
Legitimate	6	4	3	4	5	22
Illegitimate	1	—	—	3	1	5
Under one week	2	3	2	4	4	15
Under four weeks	2	3	2	4	5	16
Total under one year	7	4	3	7	6	27
Deaths (All causes)	241	448	215	374	294	1,572

CRUDE AND ADJUSTED RATES

Live Births	21.9	13.0	16.7	14.2	13.7	15.6
Live Births (Adjusted)	16.4	13.5	14.4	14.3	14.4	—
Illegitimate Births per						
1000 live births	27.7	46.3	39.5	54.1	46.8	42.3
Deaths (All causes)	9.2	15.8	10.1	10.6	9.4	11.1
Deaths (Adjusted)	13.6	13.1	13.0	11.4	11.2	—
Maternal Mortality	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stillbirths	12.1	21.3	8.4	25.4	7.0	15.1
Perinatal Mortality	15.5	29.3	14.0	33.2	16.3	21.7
Neo-Natal Mortality	3.5	8.2	5.6	8.0	11.7	7.2
Early Neo-Natal Mortality						
(under 1 week)	3.5	8.2	5.6	8.0	9.3	6.6
Infant Mortality						
All infants per 1000 live births	12.2	10.9	8.5	14.0	14.1	12.2
Legitimate infants per 1000						
legitimate live births	11.2	11.4	8.8	8.5	12.3	10.3
Illegitimate infants per 1000						
illegitimate live births	62.5	—	—	111.1	50.0	53.2
Tuberculosis - respiratory	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis - other	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis - all forms	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cancer (all forms)	1.87	2.26	2.02	2.39	1.64	2.05
Vascular lesions of the						
nervous system	1.14	4.56	1.60	1.56	1.48	2.07
Heart and Circulatory Disease	3.82	5.16	4.24	3.89	4.14	4.24
Respiratory Diseases	0.92	2.01	1.41	1.34	1.16	1.37
Comparability Factors:						
Births	0.75	1.04	0.86	1.01	1.05	—
Deaths	1.48	0.83	1.29	1.08	1.19	—

All the maternal mortality stillbirth and peri-natal mortality rates are per 1000 live and stillbirths.

VITAL STATISTICS, see Table 1

The National Birth Rate has fallen in the year under review, being 16.0 per thousand population in 1971 and 14.8 in the current year. The Divisional Birth Rate, while higher than the national average, has fallen from 17.4 in 1971 to 15.6 in 1972.

The National Death Rate has risen from 11.6 in 1971 to 12.1 in 1972. The Divisional Death Rate follows this trend rising from 10.5 in 1971 to 11.1 in 1972.

TABLE 2
RECORD OF DEATHS IN AGE GROUPS 1972

		GARFORTH URBAN DISTRICT			ROTHWELL URBAN DISTRICT			STANLEY URBAN DISTRICT			TADCASTER RURAL DISTRICT			WETHERBY RURAL DISTRICT		
		M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Under 1 year	..	5	2	7	2	2	4	2	1	3	6	1	7	3	3	6
1— 4 years	..	-	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1
5—14 years	..	2	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
15—24 years	..	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	1	1	3	-	3	-	1	1
25—34 years	..	5	2	7	1	1	2	2	1	3	1	2	3	1	-	1
35—44 years	..	3	3	6	5	-	5	2	1	3	4	5	9	1	6	7
45—54 years	..	8	6	14	21	7	28	9	4	13	16	8	24	13	4	17
55—64 years	..	24	15	39	32	17	49	32	10	42	34	24	58	41	13	54
65—74 years	..	25	34	59	87	57	144	38	21	59	70	34	104	49	33	82
75 and over	..	40	66	106	69	142	211	38	53	91	70	95	165	54	70	124
		112	129	241	219	229	448	123	92	215	205	169	374	163	131	294

Table 2 shows the age at death; it is pleasing to note the low death rates during the years of childhood to middle age.

TABLE 3
CAUSES OF DEATH, 1972

	GARFORTH		ROTHWELL		STANLEY		TADCASTER		WETHERBY	
	URBAN		URBAN		URBAN		RURAL		RURAL	
	DISTRICT		DISTRICT		DISTRICT		DISTRICT		DISTRICT	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases ..	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Syphilis and its sequelae..	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases ..	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
Malignant neoplasm:										
Buccal cavity, etc. ..	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Oesophagus ..	—	—	1	2	2	—	—	—	1	—
Stomach ..	3	1	3	3	3	2	3	7	3	1
Intestine ..	3	4	5	6	8	4	4	9	2	3
Larynx ..	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lung, Bronchus ..	6	3	11	2	5	3	16	7	12	1
Breast ..	—	3	—	6	—	3	—	8	—	4
Uterus ..	—	2	—	3	—	2	—	5	—	2
Prostate ..	1	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	3	—
Leukaemia ..	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1
Other malignant neoplasms ..	13	8	10	8	5	5	15	7	10	7
Benign and unspecified neoplasms ..	1	2	—	1	—	—	2	1	—	1
Diabetes Mellitus ..	2	1	3	3	—	—	—	—	2	2
Other endocrine etc., diseases ..	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
Avitaminoses, etc. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Anaemias ..	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Mental disorders ..	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	—
Meningitis ..	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Multiple Sclerosis ..	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	1	1
Other diseases of nervous system ..	1	—	2	—	—	—	1	2	1	1
Chronic rheumatic heart disease ..	—	5	2	—	—	3	—	1	—	2
Hypertensive disease ..	1	3	1	1	—	2	1	3	2	—
Ischaemic heart disease ..	34	31	58	51	41	21	68	35	63	35
Other forms of heart disease ..	3	11	7	18	7	8	5	9	4	5
Cerebrovascular disease ..	8	22	49	80	12	22	26	29	17	29
Other diseases of circulatory system ..	2	10	5	3	6	2	5	10	11	7
Influenza ..	4	—	1	2	2	—	—	—	1	2
Pneumonia ..	6	5	9	10	4	2	16	9	9	11
Bronchitis and Emphysema ..	4	—	26	6	17	4	13	4	10	2
Asthma ..	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other diseases of respiratory system ..	3	2	2	—	1	—	3	2	1	—
Carried forward ..	96	115	207	212	114	85	184	150	155	117

TABLE 3—continued

	GARFORTH URBAN DISTRICT		ROTHWELL URBAN DISTRICT		STANLEY URBAN DISTRICT		TADCASTER RURAL DISTRICT		WETHERBY RURAL DISTRICT	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Brought Forward ..	96	115	207	212	114	85	184	150	155	117
Peptic Ulcer ..	1	1	2	2	1	1	—	1	—	1
Appendicitis ..	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Intestinal obstruction and hernia ..	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Cirrhosis of Liver ..	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	1	—
Other diseases of digestive system ..	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	4	—	2
Nephritis and Nephrosis..	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	2
Hyperplasia of prostate ..	1	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
Other diseases, genito- urinary system ..	1	2	1	1	—	1	2	1	—	2
Diseases of skin, subcutaneous tissue ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Diseases of musculo- skeletal system ..	2	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—
Congenital anomalies ..	2	—	—	1	1	—	1	1	—	—
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc. ..	—	1	1	2	1	—	2	—	2	2
Other causes of perinatal mortality ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions ..	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	6	—	—
Motor vehicle accidents ..	3	1	1	1	—	—	4	—	5	—
All other accidents ..	5	4	2	2	3	1	3	5	—	3
	—	1	1	2	—	—	2	—	—	1
	1	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ..	112	129	219	229	123	92	205	169	163	131

Table 3 shows the Causes of Death. We are experiencing a change in the pattern of disease, partially due to demographic changes which is reflected in the causes of death. There is an increase in incidence of the degenerative diseases, the commonest affecting the arteries, and the highest single cause of death is that from cardiovascular disease. The second highest cause is cancer, in particular, lung cancer, which is directly attributable to cigarette smoking. Deaths from motor car accidents have fallen from 22 in 1971 to 15, but remain the highest single cause of death in the young adult.

TABLE 4

INFANT MORTALITY, 1972

Deaths from stated causes under one year of age

Cause of Death		Under 1 week	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3-4 weeks	Total under 1 month	1-3 months	3-6 months	6-9 months	9-12 months	Total under 1 year
1.	Prematurity ..	11	1	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	12
2.	Congenital Abnormalities										
	(a) C.N.S. ..	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	-	5
	(b) C.V.S. ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	(c) Other ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3.	Infection										
	(a) Respiratory	1	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	1	6
	(b) Alimentary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(c) Other ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.	Haemorrhage ..	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
5.	Asphyxia										
	(a) Inhalation of vomit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
		15	1	-	-	16	2	3	5	1	27

Table 4 shows the causes of death in 27 children who died during the first year of life. 15 of these deaths were in the first week, when the highest single cause was prematurity. Congenital abnormalities and respiratory infections continue to be noteworthy causes of death during the first year of life. The infant mortality rate of 12.2 compares favourably with the national average of 17.0.

TABLE 5

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1972

	DISEASE	Total all ages 1970	Total all ages 1971	Total all ages 1972	Under 1 year	1—4 years	5—14 years	15—45 years	46—64 years	Over 65 years	Age unknown
Garforth U.D.	Measles ...	121	7	78	4	41	31	2	—	—	—
	Scarlet Fever ...	21	6	19	—	6	12	1	—	—	—
	Meningococcal Infection ...	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Food Poisoning ...	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Whooping Cough ...	25	17	6	1	4	1	—	—	—	—
	Infective Hepatitis ...	1	9	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
	Dysentery ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rothwell U.D.	Measles ...	374	224	197	26	78	87	5	—	1	—
	Scarlet Fever ...	18	39	51	5	11	33	2	—	—	—
	Meningococcal Infection ...	1	4	3	1	1	—	1	—	—	—
	Food Poisoning ...	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Whooping Cough ...	13	47	8	2	6	—	—	—	—	—
	Infective Hepatitis ...	20	10	27	—	—	10	9	5	3	—
	Dysentery ...	8	36	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stanley U.D.	Measles ...	146	225	92	8	38	44	—	—	—	2
	Scarlet Fever ...	6	15	14	—	3	10	—	—	—	1
	Meningococcal Infection ...	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Whooping Cough ...	16	18	3	—	2	1	—	—	—	—
	Infective Hepatitis ...	3	3	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
	Dysentery ...	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Typhoid Fever ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Tadcaster B.D.	Measles ...	292	64	157	4	60	86	6	—	—	1
	Scarlet Fever ...	4	5	10	—	6	4	—	—	—	—
	Meningococcal Infection ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Whooping Cough ...	21	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Infective Hepatitis ...	9	1	5	—	—	3	1	—	—	1
	Dysentery ...	4	3	4	—	1	2	1	—	—	—
	Typhoid Fever ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Food Poisoning ...	—	—	5	—	—	—	4	—	—	1
Wetherby B.D.	Measles ...	193	5	273	11	83	173	—	—	—	6
	Scarlet Fever ...	3	5	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
	Whooping Cough ...	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Food Poisoning ...	—	1	5	—	2	—	3	—	—	—
	Malaria ...	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Infective Hepatitis ...	3	7	5	—	—	1	4	—	—	—
	Dysentery ...	4	5	6	1	3	2	—	—	—	—

Table 5. Infectious Diseases notified during the year. The morbidity and mortality from the notifiable infectious diseases continues to fall. This is due to two great medical advances: the discovery of effective drugs and the development of wide-spread immunisation against specific diseases. There is a need to be alert to the importation of infectious disease. There were two such examples in the Division during 1972, one being a confirmed case of psittacosis contracted from a pet parrot, the other being a case of Typhoid Fever contracted in the Far East.

TABLE 6

TUBERCULOSIS — NEW CASES NOTIFIED 1972

AGE				Garforth		Rothwell		Stanley		Tadcaster		Wetherby	
				U.D.		U.D.		U.D.		R.D.		R.D.	
				Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
				M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
5 - 9 years				-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
25 - 34 „				-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
35 - 44 „				-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
45 - 54 „				1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 64 „				1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over				-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
TOTALS				2	-	2	-	1	-	2	-	1	1

Table 6 shows the number of new cases of tuberculosis notified during the year. We may be lulled into a sense of false security in assuming we have been successful in fully controlling tuberculosis. Preventive measures, together with chemotherapy, have certainly been very effective. That the disease is not fully controlled can be seen by the small number of children, 4.05%

in the Division, who have a positive Heaf test and thus are not referred for vaccination. During 1972 1,476 children received B.C.G. vaccination in the Division.

TABLE 7

DISTRICT	PULMONARY		NON-PULMONARY	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
Garforth Urban	20	22	4	6
Rothwell Urban	51	26	15	3
Stanley Urban	6	11	4	1
Tadcaster Rural	34	20	5	5
Wetherby Rural	17	19	5	8
	128	98	33	23

Table 7 shows the number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register at the end of the year.

TABLE 8

DISTRICT	Domiciliary Deliveries		Hospital Deliveries		Percentage of Domiciliary Deliveries	
	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972
Garforth Urban	204	182	404	398	33.5	31.4
Rothwell Urban	98	75	313	300	23.8	20.0
Stanley Urban	123	84	279	273	30.6	20.4
Tadcaster Rural	101	91	477	421	17.5	17.7
Wetherby Rural	39	45	439	385	8.9	10.5
	565	477	1912	1777	22.0	21.1

Table 8 gives the number of deliveries at home and in hospital for the five districts that comprise the Division. There has, to date, been a variation in the percentage of home confinements in the different districts. This year there has been a fall of 10.2% in the domiciliary delivery rate in Stanley Urban District, the number of hospital deliveries remaining similar to 1971. The percentage of domiciliary deliveries for Rothwell and Stanley Urban Districts and Tadcaster Rural District are now comparable.

TABLE 9
VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Primary Immunisation Course	Children born in year:—					Total
	1972	1971	1970	1969	Pre-1969	
Poliomyelitis	28	1710	468	18	41	2265
Diphtheria	28	1708	468	18	34	2256
Pertussis	28	1699	460	16	16	2219
Tetanus	28	1708	468	18	49	2271
Measles	—	1055	789	62	101	2007
Rubella	—	—	—	—	644	644

TABLE 10

Re-inforcing Doses	Children born in year:—					Total
	1972	1971	1970	1969	Pre-1969	
Poliomyelitis	—	19	28	6	2798	2851
Diphtheria	—	21	28	6	1509	1564
Pertussis	—	21	25	7	196	249
Tetanus	—	25	38	20	2896	2979

Tables 9 and 10 show the number of children who have been vaccinated or immunised. The acceptance rate for rubella vaccination of 11 year old girls remains about 50% of the age group.

The Child Health Service

Continuity of care from the birth of a child to it attaining school leaving age, which incidentally was raised in September, 1972 from 15 to 16 years, is assured by the continuation of the scheme whereby the child's development is periodically assessed in the pre-school period, followed by further programmed health screening at school. The medical staff are increasingly involved with the assessment of handicapped children, including an increasing number of children with multiple handicaps, and we are grateful for the co-operation we receive from paediatricians in the hospital service with this work. Particular attention is also given to the assessment of children with learning difficulties, often in liaison with the Psychologist and every effort is made to recommend optimum placement for children at school.

The number of pupils attending schools in the Division as at the 30th September, 1972, was 24,500, and of this number 2,453 received a full medical examination after school entry. The physical condition of one pupil was considered to be unsatisfactory by the school doctor. School nurses undertook 50,785 cleanliness inspections and found 503 pupils to be infested. 4,686 6-7 year olds had a routine hearing test and 127 were referred for investigation. During 1972 we were fortunate in obtaining additional support for the deaf child when a peripatetic teacher of the deaf was appointed to the Division on a part-time basis. 40 were known to be in school with hearing aids and this number includes 29 pupils at Bridge House Special School. 1,061 children were assessed at the Eye Clinics for errors of refraction and 273 children had glasses prescribed. 82 children, who had learning difficulties, were assessed by the medical staff, and 86 children referred to the Child Guidance Clinics at Rothwell and Tadcaster.

Sanitary Circumstances

A comprehensive statement of the sanitary circumstances of the area will be found in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR 1972**

To:— The Chairman and Members of the
Rothwell Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I submit for your consideration and perusal, my Annual Report on the Health and Cleansing Department in which each particular phase is commented upon under its own heading.

Housing

The number of applications for House Improvement Grants still remains high, due as I commented in my last report, to the fact that we are one of the districts listed for the 75% area grant scheme. This increase in both the work load on local builders and rising material costs make it necessary for some applicants to resubmit tenders due to the length of time which has elapsed between the order being placed and the work being executed. We have even had cases where builders have kept applicants waiting for so long that they have sought other builders, in most cases without success.

The result is some frustration and additional enquiries and visits to this department.

Under the Housing Act 1969, Section 45, seventeen applications for Qualification Certificates were received. 42 were granted (including some applications received in 1971), none were refused. 69 applications were received for Certificates of Provisional Approval; 29 were granted and none refused.

During the year 2 areas were the subject of reports by myself to the Council under the Slum Clearance Programme.

Produced below are the main items from the Housing Statistics Report:—

No. of houses in district	10,042
No. of houses included in representations made during the year:—	
(a) in Clearance Areas	33
(b) individually unfit houses	13

Houses demolished during the year:—	
In or adjoining Clearance Areas	11
Not in or adjoining Clearance Areas	7
Unfit houses closed	2
No. of persons displaced during the year:—	
From houses to be demolished in or adjoining Clearance Areas	24½
From houses to be demolished not in or adjoining Clearance Areas	4
No. of families displaced during the year:—	
From houses to be demolished in or adjoining Clearance Areas	12
From houses to be demolished not in or adjoining Clearance Areas	2
Unfit houses made fit:—	
After informal action by local authority	4
After formal notice under Section 9 (1) and 16 (1) Housing Act, 1957	—
Other houses in which defects were remedied:—	
After formal notice under Public Health Acts	16
After formal notice under Section 9 (1a) Housing Act, 1957	5
After informal action by local authority	42
No. of families rehoused during the year into Council owned dwellings:—	
(a) Clearance Areas, etc.	14
(b) Overcrowding	17
No. of new dwellings completed during the year:—	
By the local authority	35
By Private Enterprise	149
Grants for conversion or improvement of Housing Accommodation:—	
Formal application	238
Applications approved	238
Number of dwellings completed	108

Clean Air and Clean Air Zones

No further Smoke Control Areas were submitted during the year owing to priority being given to other capital works programmes. The number of operational Areas is 13 affecting 6,148 premises and covering 4,260 acres.

Examination of all industrial plans submitted and calculation of chimney heights carried out, along with the inspection of existing industrial boilers on complaint and the giving of any advice required. During the year 5 applications were made under Section 6 of the Clean Air Act, 1968, regarding chimney heights — all 5 applications were approved.

On the domestic side, all improvement grant schemes incorporate smokeless appliances as a condition of grant.

Factories and Workshops

8 visits were made to factories and workshops in the district and in two cases defective sanitary conveniences were found and remedied. The number of premises on the register at the end of the year was 85.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

At the end of the year 76 premises, employing 644 persons were registered with the Council under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963. 1 new premise was registered during the year.

During the year 72 inspections were made and the following Contraventions noted and rectified:—

Cleanliness 2; Temperature 3; Sanitary Conveniences 6; Washing Facilities 1; Floors, passages and stairs 3; First aid 4; making a total of 19. 1 non fatal accident was reported during the period which was investigated as required by the Act.

Public Conveniences

Unfortunately I must again report continued vandalism in our Public Conveniences, but this is an essential service which we give to the public and we maintain these premises to the best of our ability.

Public Mortuary

The one mortuary we have at the rear of the Civic Buildings has been in service throughout the whole of the year without any undue trouble.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act

During the year 285 inspections were made relating to the investigation and treatment for rodent infestation. 148 premises were treated for rats and 33 for mice.

Nuisances

73 informal notices were served during the year on persons requiring the abatement of nuisances, most of which were rectified or abated. 4 statutory notices had to be served and at the year end all these had been dealt with.

No legal proceedings were taken during the year. Help and advice was sought from the Deputy Director of Medical Services, Army Headquarters, Northern Command, York, and the Principal Scientific Officer, Monks Wood Experimental Station, Abbots Ripton, regarding the mosquito nuisance at Oulton and Woodlesford.

An army public health team visited the area several times in May and June and Dr. M. W. Service of the Monks Wood Experimental Station visited the area in July.

The result of their survey and investigation revealed that a major breeding site of aedes detritus mosquito existed in the large marshy area in Woodlesford, immediately south east of Whitbread's Brewery and in certain adjacent smaller areas bordering the spoil heap and the railway embankment.

The recommendation was that due to the size of the marshy area and large amount of vegetation, spraying with insecticides would not be satisfactory and the only effective control measure would be to fill in and reclaim the land.

Arrangements were well advanced between the interested parties (including the N.C.B. who controlled the spoil heap) to implement the recommendation of filling in the area, but due to unfortunate circumstances arising the Brewery were not prepared to carry on with the original scheme and at the moment have only cleared the area of vegetation and had the area sprayed with insecticide.

This, in my opinion, is only of a very temporary nature and I am sure we shall be receiving further complaints from the local residents.

Noise Abatement

3 complaints of noise from Domestic premises were received during the year, 2 were confirmed as nuisances and were dealt with and remedied informally.

Incidental Activities

46 Licenses for the storage of Petroleum spirit are in force

in the district. 21 visits were made to such premises to ensure that the regulations and safety precautions were being complied with. 2 Riding Establishments are registered under the Riding Establishment Act, 1964. 1 premise is licenced under the Pet Animals Act, 1951.

2 registrations are in force for the carrying on of scrap metal dealer under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964.

16 Hairdressers are registered under the West Riding (General Powers) Act, 8 visits being made during the course of the year.

Before the County Council will issue a licence to sell game the applicant must produce a Certificate from the local authority stating that the premises are registered and again in one instance we performed this function.

Public Cleansing

The Incentive Bonus scheme for refuse collection commenced on the 13th March, the district being divided into 4 collection rounds and worked by 3 - 50 cube yd. and 1 - 12 cube yd. refuse vehicles, with a labour force reduced to 14 loaders.

The scheme is based on the principle of an average man having the opportunity to earn a bonus of $33\frac{1}{3}\%$ of his basic pay.

In addition to "bonus" earnings, a 'task and finish' clause operates which means that by extra effort, on Friday the men can and are going home in the early afternoon.

Special collections are arranged for the bulky household items, such as cookers, fridges, three piece and bedroom suites, etc. every Friday.

I had hoped that with this service being widely advertised (a note about this special service is printed on the rate demand notes) also through the Councillors and the Department, that the indiscriminate tipping in the lanes and byways would be reduced but unfortunately, there does not appear to be any improvement.

14 abandoned vehicles were dealt with during the year under the Civic Amenities Act. On the 4th September, we commenced tipping at Lemonroyd which at one time was the Sewage Works and is adjacent to the existing Lemonroyd Works. The reason we left Foxholes tip was our presence was interfering with the M62 motorway works, although it is true to say that the life of Foxholes Tip would only have been a few more weeks. Even though we have moved to Lemonroyd we still have our problem

of tip fires, particularly during school holiday periods and week ends.

Sewers and Drains

We still perform the unusual but nevertheless useful function of unstopping drains and sewers on request, at rates cost, and during the year under review 647 drains and sewers were so cleared. We still have difficulties with the sewer at Methley, due to the protracted mining subsidence there and at the present time there are two temporary pumps lifting sewage from sewers which are out of level to points where the sewage can flow away. The cost of this is borne by the National Coal Board.

Food and Drugs

During the year 5 cases of foreign matter in food and 3 cases of mould in food were dealt with. One prosecution was taken and fines and costs amounting to £40 were imposed.

In 1972, 1,048 containers of food passed through the Container Base at Stourton, 30 samples were taken, only 2 were unsatisfactory and 1 did not comply with labelling requirements. The 3 infringements were brought to the notice of the Importers.

In the last twelve months we have had the commencement and an increasing volume of traffic from the Far East (Exotic Eastern Foods) and this has had the effect of increasing the duty attendance of our Inspectors at the Base to approximately half a day every day.

The amounts of food surrendered or condemned during routine supervision throughout the area are as follows:—

Cooked meats and meat products	4 lbs.
Canned meats	5,355 lbs.
Other canned foods	1,336 lbs.
Frozen foods (due to cabinet breakdown)	380 lbs.
Other foods	170 lbs.
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Below is a list of premises subject to the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960:—

Catering Establishments	...	25
Bakehouses	...	4
Other food shops	...	125

Number of Food Premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955:—

Retailers of Ice Cream	...	68
Sausages, Potted or preserved foods	...	34

Food Hawkers

Under the provisions of the West Riding County Council (General Powers) Act, 1951 we register food hawkers of one sort and another and at the end of the year we had 27 food hawkers and 15 ice cream vendors registered. These are inspected from time to time but during the year no contraventions were noted.

Water Supply

The whole of the water used in this area is controlled by Leeds Corporation and we do sample from time to time although it is true to say that less is done now than hitherto as Leeds have their own inspection and sampling department.

Statistical Record

Appended is the usual report of visits and inspections carried out under the various statutes and regulations, also under their several headings defects repaired or renewed in properties by the service of informal or formal notices:—

Caravans	...	2
Civic Amenities	...	52
Clean Air Act	...	330
Demolition of houses and properties	...	77
Factories and Workshops	...	8
Food Examinations	...	314
Food Premises	...	451
Hairdressers and Barbers	...	8
Housing Acts	...	1,394
Housing Acts (Reinspections)	...	721
Insect Investigations and Control	...	56
Noise Abatement	...	31
Offensive Trades	...	20
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises	...	72
Petroleum Storage	...	21
Plant Maintenance	...	235
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act	...	285
Public Cleansing	...	226
Public Health Acts	...	727
Public Health Acts (Reinspections)	...	108
Public Conveniences	...	219
Sewers and Drains	...	339
Water Sampling	...	31
Miscellaneous	...	368
Total		6,095

The number of inspections made is approximately 11 per working day per inspector.

Summary of Works carried out:—

Interior of Houses

Ceilings repaired or replaster	...	5
Walls repaired or replasters	...	9
Windows repaired or renewed	...	13
Fireplaces repaired or renewed	...	3
Floors repaired or renewed	...	3
Doors repaired or renewed	...	7
Sinks renewed	...	5
Sink waste pipes repaired or renewed	...	2

Exterior of Houses

Roofs repaired	...	9
Chimney stacks repaired	...	4
Eaves gutters repaired or renewed	...	11
Rainwater pipes repaired or renewed	...	2
Walls repaired or repointed	...	16
Yard pavings repaired or renewed	...	1

Drainage

Drains cleared from obstruction	...	647
Drains repaired or renewed	...	13

Sanitary Conveniences

Water Closets repaired	...	11
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Public Cleansing Services

Dustbins supplied, or renewed	...	246
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Staff

During the year Mr. I. Fraser and Mr. D. Perkin left but Mr. J. P. Smith came back to us from Denby Dale U.D.C. This still left us with a vacancy which, unfortunately, we were unable to fill and to keep pace with the volume of work we appointed a Technical Assistant, Mr. D. Hay.

To all the Chief Officers, in particular the Clerk of the Council and the Medical Officer, I am grateful for their help and advice, also the members of the Health Department without whose co-operation the smooth and efficient working of the department would not function, and to the Chairman of the Health Committee, County Councillor A. Wright, B.E.M., to the members of the Health Committee in particular and members of the Council in general, I tender my sincere thanks.

I am, Mr. Chairman, and members,

Your obedient Servant,

G. F. IDLE,

Public Health Inspector.

